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Update on Taiwan's 2010 Rice CSQ SBS Tender

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Report Highlights:

On April 2, Taiwan successfully tendered 3,200 tons of U.S. rice under the SBS tendering system. This completes the tendering for the 2010 U.S. rice CSQ SBS allocation and represents a total completion rate of 14 percent of the total 2010 U.S. rice CSQ that includes traditional and SBS tendering schemes. As of April 2, Taiwan has completed tenders for 24,200 tons or 25.7 percent of its 2010 rice CSQ all under the SBS scheme, including. 9,200 tons of U.S. rice, 6,000 tons of Thai rice, 6,500 tons of globalized Australian rice, and 2,500 tons of Egyptian rice.

General Information:

The 2010 Rice CSQ SBS Tender Schedules and Results:

On April 2, Taiwan completed the second tranche of 3,200 tons of the 2010 U.S. rice CSQ, along with 1,000 tons of Thai and 2,500 tons of Egyptian CSQ. Taiwan has completed all its 2010 rice CSQ SBS tenders with the exception of 6,000 tons of Australian CSQ that has failed two previous tendering processes.

(Exchange rate: \$1=NT\$31.78, quoted on April 2, 2010.)

GF4-990-041 for 3,200 tons of US-origin

Tender completed on April 2.

Thirteen bidders participated in the bid, of which five were successful. One successful bidder received 420 tons at NT\$6.338/kg (\$199.43/mt) while the other four successful bidders secured the remaining 2,780 tons at NT\$5.629/kg (\$177.12/mt).

GF4-990-042 for 6,000 tons Australia-origin

Failed second tendering.

One bidder participated in the bidding for 260 tons at NT\$1.501/kg (\$47.23/mt), but was not successful because the bid was below the pre-set floor price.

Date for third tendering is to be announced.

GF4-990-043-1 for 1,000 tons Thailand-origin

The tender completed April 2.

Three out of fifteen bidders participated in the bid were successful, one bidder received 260 tons at NT\$8.603/kg (\$270.70/mt) and the other two successful bidders received 190 tons and 550 tons, respectively, at the price of NT\$8.102/kg (\$254.94/mt).

GF4-990044 for 2,500 tons of Egypt-origin

Tender completed on April 2.

2,500 tons were awarded to 5 out of 9 bidders. One bidder received 690 tons, while another bidder received 160 tons, and the remaining three bidders received 550 tons each, at the

same price of NT\$4.188/kg (\$131.78/mt).

Table 1 - The 2010 CSQ allotments under SBS

Overview on 2010 SBS Allocation in metric tons:			
	1st Tranche	2nd Tranche	Total
Australia	6,500	6,000	12,500
Egypt	0	2,500	2500
Thailand	4,000	2,000	6,000
USA	6,000	3,200	9,200
Total	16,500	13,700	30,200

Table 2 – Taiwan's 2010 Country-Specific Quota (CSQ) for Public Sector Imports (4/2/2010 update)

Country	SBS System	Traditional Tender System	Total
Egypt	2,500	0	2,500
Thailand	6,000	2,300*	8,300
Australia	12,500	6,134*	18,634
USA	9,200	55,434	64,634
2009 Total	30,200	63,868	94,068

As of April 2, Taiwan has completed tenders for 24,200 tons of the 2010 rice CSQ, with a tender completion rate of 25.7%, all under SBS scheme. U.S. CSQ tender completion rate stands at 14%.

SBS Tender:

Taiwan completed the first tranche of 16,500 tons of SBS tenders on 2/11/2010 for importation by 12/31/2010, and 7,700 tons of the second tranche of 13,700 tons of SBS tenders on 04/02/2010 for importation by 04/30/2011. (* Taiwan adjusted the Thai 2010 rice CSQ tenders by moving 2,300 tons of a previously proposed SBS tender to under traditional tender.)

Traditional Tender:

A total of 55,434 tons of U.S. rice CSQ will be divided into three tranches. The first tranche 20,000 tons is scheduled for 04/09/2010. The second tranche is for 20,000 tons and the third tender is for 15,434 tons will be scheduled later.

* CSQ tender dates for 6,134 tons of Australia CSQ and 2,300 tons of Thai have not been

announced.